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1. [redacted] two-page report on Soviet military installations in and near Fuerstenwalde. The report gives information on the manpower and equipment of the Reiter and Pionier Kasernen, and general information on engineer, artillery, signal, and medical units as well as the Ketchendorf ammunition storage area. The locations of installations and equipment in the area are shown on a map which is included.

2. Paragraph 6 of the report is given in full below:

Mars La Tour Kaserne (500 meters northwest of the Fuerstenwalde-Rauen road).

A Soviet artillery unit with a strength of approximately 500 to 800 men was located in the Mars La Tour Kaserne. The unit included one brigade with atomic artillery weapons (caliber, approximately 28 cm.). Twelve atomic artillery weapons were seen in October 1956. It was presumed that the cannons [atomic artillery weapons] were hidden in the wooded area south of the Mars La Tour Kaserne. [redacted] the weapons were atomic cannons when questioned. The cannons were transported on triple-axled platforms which were hooked to heavy tractors (Zugmaschine). [Atomic] ammunition trucks with three removable containers [redacted] were also seen. The trucks had [redacted] two special signs, a red circle and a triangle, on the last container. (See sketches on Page 2.)

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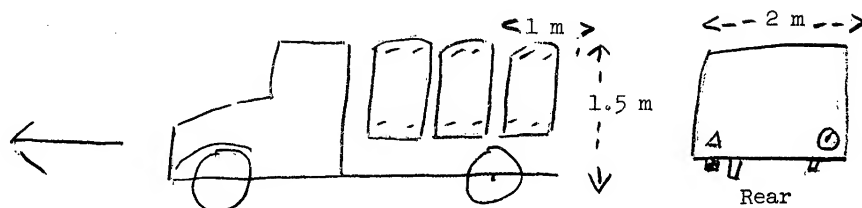
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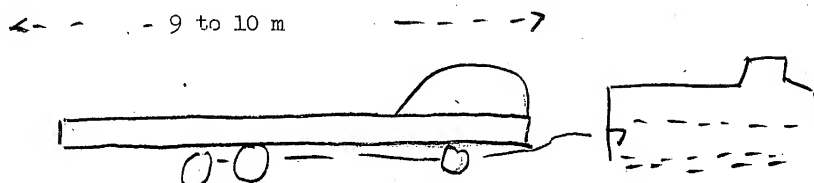
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Atomic Ammunition Truck



Platform and Tractor



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Information Report : Soviet military installations in and around
Fuerstenwalde/Spree (Ref. attached map)



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1. Reiterkaserne : Location of motorized Soviet Inf. (ca 4500 men). Armed w/ 25X1
light artillery, caliber 10.2 (?), and anti-tank guns caliber 7.2 (?).

ca 25-30 rocket launchers (mounted on trucks) and ca 12 T-34 25X1
tanks in this area in Oct/Nov 1956. North of the area, along the Spree river,
runs a barbed wire fence guarded by 5 watchtowers. The area SE, S and SW is
being patrolled by armed Soviet guards. The main road running past (N) the
casern can be passed by civilian vehicles; stopping is prohibited.

1 a on the map indicates the training area for Soviet troops located in this
casern.

1 b shows the location of light anti-aircraft battery.

2. Pionierkaserne : Location of a Soviet tank unit numbering ca 3000 men. The
armement consist of ca 100-120 tanks, major rity of them T-54, the rest T-34
and tank destroyers.

2a on the map indicated the location of six tank garages, each having room for
14 tanks (red brick bldgs w/green doors).

2b shows the location of two more garages, ea for 14 tanks

2c is the location of tank repair shop

2d is the location of 4 tank destroyers and 2 T-34 tanks facing east. Those
vehicles are being used for training purposes and are protected from the weather
w/ a wooden roof.

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3. Pionier-Park : Storage area for tank- and engineer units (supplies, spare parts etc.) RR unloading ramp. No other info.
4. Pionier-Unit : Former Kabelwerk. Strenght of troops unknown. Area is surrounded w/ wooden fence ca 2½ meters high. At point marked with 4a [] a un- 25X1 disclosed number of infantry-carriers. At point 4b [] a number of gasoline trucks. 25X1
5. Ketschendorf ammunition storage area : [] Most ammunition concentrated in the area marked w/ 5a. 25X1
6. Maslador Kaserne : Location of a Soviet artillery unit; approximate strenght ca 500-800 men. Includes one brigade of Atomic Artillery [] 25X1 [] the caliber of which is ca 28 cm. [] drawing 25X1 of artillery piece and ammunition truck). [] the cannons are hidden in the wooded area S of the caserns. [] are atomic cannons []
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The cannons were transported on a triple-axle platforms hooked to heavy tractors (Zugmaschine). The ammunition trucks carry three containers (removable) 25X1
[] At the rear of the truck (last container) there are special signs (circles and triangles in red) []
7. Small engineers unit : Strenght ca 100-150 men. [] mounted cranes, 25X1 ditch-digging equipment and bontoons. Also some wrecker type heavy vehicles.
8. Heavy Artillery Unit : Strenght unknown. [] 36 heavy 25X1 artillery pieces (cal. 15 cm ?) hooked to tractors.
9. Signal and Medical Units : 9a on map points to the location of ca 12 tanks and tank destroyers covered with a wooden roof (possibly for training use). 9b is the location of four heavy anti-aircraft guns. The estimated strenght of troops in this area is ca 3000.

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